

RG104 E-1 Box 136 Oct-Dec 1885

COINER'S DEPARTMENT,

November 19th 1885.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox
Superintendent.
Sir

In reply to your enquiries
relative to the bills of the Orr & Hew Machine Co.
dated June 20th & 30th 1885, in so far as they
relate to this Department, I have the honor
to state that the articles therein enumerated
were received, consisting of Annealing plates &
fans, Drawbench chain & carriage, Gate bars
&c. &c. ^{and} were ordered on requisition by the
Dept. upon notification by the Foreman
that they were necessary.

In reference to the days work charged on
these bills, with the ordering of which I had
nothing to do, the practice has been for

70th & Steel E. & G. Co.
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The Belt-Shifter on the
Coining Press. was fitted and
placed on the press after it was
set up in the Coining Room
Not knowing the Terms of the
Contract for the press I am not
competent to say whether the
shifter should have been furnished
as part of the press.
The 17 days work at place, Rigging
and use of rigging. was the time
consumed, and the space. Ropes.
Blocks and hoisting Tackle used
in getting the press in the Mint
building and setting it in its
place. The charge for hauling
was for moving the press from
where it was made to the Mint
Respectfully
A W Downing
Nov 16th 1885

RG104 E-1 Box 136 Oct-Dec 1885
to the corner of
U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

In reply to your request for information respecting certain articles would state that

24 Plates and 170 grate bars for Annealing Furnaces were received about July 1st and some of them are in use now. Four (4) Draw Bench Chains were received about the same time and are in place now on the Draw benches and may be seen at any time in constant use.

The Draw Bench Carriage received about July 1st and may be seen with chains as they are used together. Six (6) Annealing Boxes were received about the same time as the above and are used for annealing Bronze Nickel and are to take the place of those on hand as they are half worn out. The 63 1/2 Days I could not certify to as I was never required to keep their time but I do know that Ordnance Men were working in Rolling Room in the time specified.

Hoping this will be satisfactory
I remain most Respy

W. H. Webb

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*Statements of foreman
re to concerning their
votes to O.H. & Co*

*Note. Memo: reply
of Melvin's endorsed on
O.H. & Co's bill of 30
June 85.*

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The Foreman of the respective forms to certify to its being correct, which was done in this case. But on referring to Mess Watts & Downing the Foremen in regard to the time then certified to by them, I find that they are unable to give any definite information about the matter. Mr Downing states although he believes the time charged to be correct, he will not be qualified to that effect, as he is not certain that is the case. Mr Watts name appears on the bill as making correct 68 1/2 days time made by the men of this firm, and he now says that he did not intend to cover that, as he only marked for the item opposite his name, but I have no hesitation in saying that it was understood at the time that he was signing for all the items embraced

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in the bill commencing from the last signature down, which he had been accustomed to do in other bills of a like nature.

The extra heavy Pulley charged on the bill I find was ordered by the Superintendent's Dept. for use by the New Ajax Press and is now in use on the Counter shaft in that connection.

Upon further inquiry I learn from the Firm that they cannot specify at what particular point all the work was done, but that the time is charged only to the several Departments.

Enclosed please find memorandum letters on the subject from the Foreman of the Rolling & Coining room & Mr. Capt.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient
Servant
C. M. C.

[Letter One:]

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,
Coiner's Department,
November 19, 1885

Hon. Danl. M. Fox
Superintendent.

Sir

In reply to your enquiries relative to the bills of the Orr & Hess Machine Co. dated June 20th & 30th 1885, in so far as they relate to this Department, I have the honor to state that the articles therein enumerated were received, consisting of annealing plates & pans. Drawbench chain & carriage, Grate bars &c &c. and were ordered on requisition by the Dept. upon notification by the Foreman that they were necessary.

In reference to the days work charged on these bills, with the ordering of which I had nothing to do, the practice has been for the Belt Shifter on Ajax (No. 10) Coining Press was fitted and placed on the press after it was set up in the Coining Room not knowing that terms of the Contract for the press I am not competent to say whether the shifter should have been furnished as part of the press.

The 17 days work at place, Rigging and use of rigging. Was the time consumed, and the Spare, Ropes, Blocks, and hoisting tackle used in getting the press in the Mint building and setting it in its place. The charge for hauling was for moving the press from where it was made to the Mint.

Respectfully,
A.W. Downing

November 16, 1885

[Letter Two:]

To the Coiner of U.S. Mint

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The Draw bench Carriage received about July 1st and may be seen with chains as they are used together Six (6) Annealing boxes were received about the same time as the above and are used for annealing Bronze & Nickel and are to take the place of those on hand as they are half worn out. The 63 ½ Days I could not certify to as I was never required to keep their time but I do know that Orr's Men were working in Rolling Room in the time specified.

Hoping this will be satisfactory.

I remain most Respy.

N.H. Webb

[Noted on back:]

Note. Memo: reply of McGinnis endorsed on O.H. & Co. bill of 20 June '85.

[Letter Three:]

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,
Coiner's Department,

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Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant
W.S. Steel
Coiner.